

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Through strict enforcement of existing laws on overweight coal trucks, the compliance rate has improved by 95%. This has resulted in saving at least 17 lives per year.
- Tougher legislation has resulted in over a 50% reduction in meth labs seized in Kentucky. Aside from making it more difficult to purchase pseudoephedrine to make meth, this new law addresses the issue of children in and around meth labs.
- By creating the Office of Drug Control Policy and investing in local boards and coalitions we have increased our resources and have worked to keep Kentuckians off drugs.
- Through a collaborative effort the Governor initiated an innovative program called "Recovery Kentucky." 10 recovery centers across Kentucky will help people beat their drug and alcohol addictions in a supportive environment. *{NOTE: Funding for nine centers already announced.}*
- Initiated the Kentucky Corrections Health Services Network which, through efficient management of inmates' healthcare, has resulted in \$9 million savings and another \$4 million in detection of errant billing mistakes; all in the first year of operation.
- Passed legislation to strengthen and enhance Kentucky's sex offenders' laws to protect children and families.
- During this fiscal year, the budget for Kentucky State Police will have grown nearly 19% since the Governor came into office, or \$25 million. This is one of the largest increases in the history of KSP.
- Implemented the first comprehensive statewide substance abuse treatment program in Juvenile Justice (57% of DJJ youth in facilities are at moderate to high risk for substance abuse).
- Initiated a comprehensive Prevention and Pre-Incident law enforcement training within the guidelines and objectives of Kentucky's Homeland Security.
- The Governor invested \$6.2 million in Department of Public Advocacy's budget to reduce excessive public defender caseloads which will allow more time to prepare cases, see clients and improve the quality of justice at the trial level. The additional funding will result in a 15% reduction in caseload.